PARK BELL

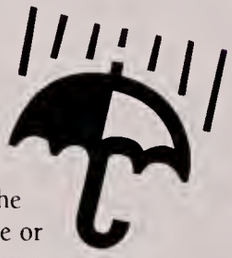
ST. MARY'S PARK IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Greetings Friends & Neighbors! ¡Bienvenidos! Mabuhay! Bon Giorno! 您好

February, 1998

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm tired of the rain. But, that could be because I'm an adult. When I was a child, I loved to slosh in the rain, stamp on puddles, make mud pies and drink rainwater off leaves. I think the lesson here is that we all can learn a lot from children. They help keep us young.



I think this Club does a lot to keep the child in us all alive. We sponsor Santa's visit to the Park, the Easter Egg hunt, games at the picnic, and the garage sale. Believe me, seeing the glee in the eye of a garage sale shopper as she or he snatches up a bargain let's you know that adults can be kids, too.

But, the Club is only as strong as its membership. And here's where you come in. Take two minutes and clip out the membership coupon on the back page, fill it out, write a check and drop it in the mail. Your contribution helps the Club keep the kid in us all alive. And, it helps us sponsor the kinds of events that make this neighborhood into a wonderful community. We need your support.

It was good to see new members at the January meeting. I hope to see more during the next few months. If you're new to the neighborhood, please come to a meeting and meet your neighbors. If you've lived in the Park for a while but haven't been to a meeting in years, please come back. We're having some serious fun at the meetings: good speakers with interesting topics, good conversation, great refreshments and a chance to meet new people.

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day. And this year, send a valentine to a friend or neighbor, not just your sweetheart. Let's all be kids at heart.

Jonna Ramey

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Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed

Need something fun to do during these wet and yucky winter days? How about helping organize the Easter Egg Hunt? It's easy. Come to a meeting or two, stuff some plastic eggs with candy, show up the day of the event and have a blast. Contact Barbara Phipps at 333-0332 or Jonna Ramey at 285-7425.

And, circle this date on your calendars: April 11. That's the date of the annual St. Mary's Park Easter Egg Hunt. There's **eggs** and **prizes, games** and **fun**!

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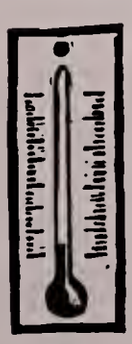
JANUARY MEETING RECAP

Our first meeting of 1998 was a great success. Past president Graham Beaumont was awarded a commemorative plaque by President Jonna Ramey for his outstanding service to the Club. Two police officers from the Ingleside station came to the meeting. The Ingleside station will send officers to our meetings from now on. Guido Guinasso told a heart-warming story about Santa's visit to the neighborhood in December. Many people volunteered to serve on several committees including Membership, Easter Egg Hunt, Garage Sale, Mother's Day Cleanup, Fall Picnic, Santa's Visit, Rec. & Park Liaison, Lend-a-Hand, and, Islands. Three of these committees are new and very interesting. The Rec. & Park Liaison committee will work with the Neighborhood Parks Council and the Rec. & Park Department to improve the facilities and landscape of St. Mary's Park proper. The Lend-A-Hand committee is going to assist home-bound and elderly neighbors in a variety of ways. And, the Islands committee will meet to find ways to improve the landscaping, maintenance and health of the five islands in the neighborhood. If you are interested in participating in any of these committees, please contact Jonna Ramey at the February 10th general meeting or call her at 285-7425. many committees will hold meetings soon. Refreshments at the January meeting were provided by Elsie Aviles, Mary Ramirez and Helen Lopez in the form of a fabulous surprise birthday cake for Marlo Contreras. Everyone at the meeting benefited from Marlo's big day. Above all, the meeting was engaging and fun. Please come to the February meeting.

NEW ADDITIONS!!

Congratulations to John and Jeanette Solimine on the birth of their daughter, Sophia!!!

Also, we'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors at 273 Justin!



Have you paid your 1998 SMPIC Dues yet?

Only 10% of approximately 320 homes have joined so far. Last year, 178 homes joined and we hope to far exceed that figure this year. Won't you turn this over, clip the coupon and send in your membership today? Become a participating member of the best neighborhood Club in San Francisco!

SMPIC MEETING AGENDA

Supervisor Leland Yee will speak to us about important legislation coming up that may affect you. And, he'll answer your questions about the Board of Supervisors and city government. Join us on **Tuesday, February 10, 1998at 7:30 pm** in the St. Mary's Park Rec Center Auditorium!

Refreshments provided by Danna Peterson.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD ABOUT THE PARK

In the water bill you should receive shortly there'll be an important survey from the Recreation and Parks Department. They want your feedback on the park closest to you. Please tell them about St. Mary's Park and things you want to see improved there. Need some ideas? Here's our list: replace the roof on the gym immediately; make the toddler's program consistent (same day, same time and regularly available), and less expensive; replace the children's play area with new, updated play equipment; fix the tennis courts; fix all the holes in all the fences; turn the abandoned lowest terrace of the park into a fenced, well-lit dog park; prune and skirt all the shrubs and trees in the park and replace old dying trees with new, non-eucalyptus trees; upgrade the park lighting. Take the time to fill out the survey and return it. This is a simple and effective way to get your voice heard.

Condolences

To Virginia Timoney and her family on the recent death of her son, Kevin Timoney. The Timoney family were long-time residents of St. Mary's Park and had relocated to Sacramento just last year.

HANDY PEOPLE

We've all hired contractors and tradespeople from time to time, some excellent, some not so good. Here are some recommendations from neighbors in the Park you might find useful. But, be warned: Everyone's experience or needs are different. No guarantee of quality of work is implied by the neighbors listed or by the St. Mary's Park Improvement Club. You should never hire anyone unless you personally check their references yourself. Always get a bid in writing. Buyer beware!

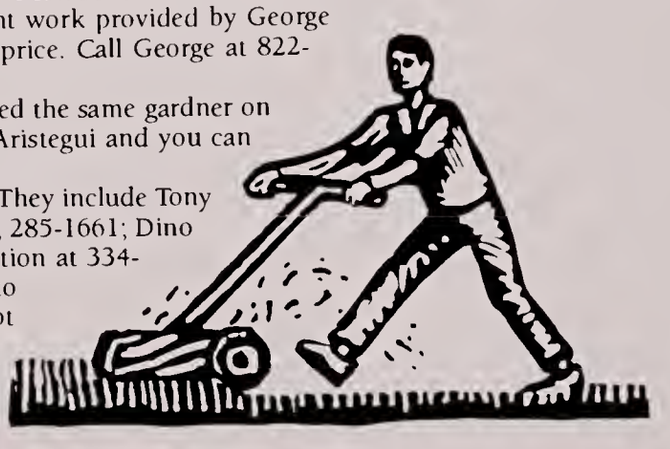
Florence Kolos' roof was replaced by Jose Navarrete this summer. In fact, Florence climbed up on the roof to inspect the job herself! Jose Navarrete— Office: 586-6748 Home: 225-0372.

Danna Peterson says that Stan the Plumber Man is good by her. He has installed gas lines and a gas fireplace, replaced the water heater and faucets for her. Stan Moore can be reached at 662-2617.

Neil Rhoads & Scott Feldman had extensive cement work provided by George Malone. They liked the quality of the work and the price. Call George at 822-4709.

Pam Waterstone and some of her neighbors have used the same gardner on their front yards for many years. His name is Pedro Aristegui and you can call him at 664-6033.

Try the tradespeople who advertise in the Park Bell. They include Tony Spavone of Celebrity Tile, 371-5012; Lawson Roofing, 285-1661; Dino and Joe Diodati of Golden Gate Termite & Construction at 334-6751; and Joe and Mike Harris of Harris Brothers Auto Body Works, 992-0200. Be sure and tell them you got their names from the Park Bell.



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St. Mary's Park Crime Watch

The Ingleside Police Station provided the following information about crimes reported in St. Mary's Park and the surrounding area.

Type of Crime	1/97	1/98
Robbery	2	0
Assault	2	2
Burglary	0	0
Theft	1	3
Auto	4	10
Other	41	16
Total	49	33

During January, only four reported incidents occurred in St. Mary's Park itself. Bandalism was reported in the second block of College. Two reports involved Justin Street. The other crimes reported to the Police in the larger neighborhood occurred primarily on Ellsworth and Alemaney Streets.

Park residents are strongly encouraged to report ALL suspicious activity to the Police. We all can help to keep the Park safe by making sure the Police are aware of each and every crime that occurs in our neighborhood.

Important City Service Phone Numbers

Emergency (gunshots, etc.)	9-1-1
Non-emergency Police	553-0123
Ingleside Police Station	553-1603
Parking Problems, Permits, Traffic Signs & Signals	553-1200
Abandoned Cars DPT	781-JUNK
Security/Neighborhood Watch	673-SAFE
Narcotics Tips	800-272-2548
Neighbor disputes	863-6100
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Child Parent Counseling	621-2929
Stray, abused dangerous animals	554-6364
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Graffiti cleanup/DPW	241-WASH
Muni Shelter Damage	882-4949
Community Policing	333-3433

St. Mary's Park Improvement Club 1998 Membership Dues Payment Form

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